

Public Law 163

CHAPTER 370

AN ACT

July 15, 1955  
[H. R. 6766]

Making appropriations for the Atomic Energy Commission, the Tennessee Valley Authority, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, and civil functions administered by the Department of the Army, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

Public Works Ap-  
propriation Act,  
1956.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, for the Atomic Energy Commission, the Tennessee Valley Authority, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, and civil functions administered by the Department of the Army, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—INDEPENDENT OFFICES

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

OPERATING EXPENSES

68 Stat. 919,  
42 USC 2011  
note.

60 Stat. 810.

Confidential ex-  
penditures.

Transfer of  
funds.

Community man-  
agement and trans-  
portation fees.

Procurement fi-  
nancing.

For necessary operating expenses of the Commission in carrying out the purposes of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, including the employment of aliens; rental in or near the District of Columbia only if no suitable Government-owned space is available in such area as determined by the General Services Administration; services authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); maintenance and operation of aircraft; publication and dissemination of atomic information; purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms; purchase of newspapers and periodicals (not to exceed \$5,000); official entertainment expenses (not to exceed \$5,000); not to exceed \$3,070,000 for expenses of travel, including expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the function or activity for which this appropriation is made; reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; not to exceed \$38,202,000 for personal services; and hire of passenger motor vehicles; \$575,000,000, together with \$481,400,000 to be transferred from prior year appropriations under the head "Plant and equipment," and the unexpended balances, as of June 30, 1955, of prior year appropriations made available under this head to the Atomic Energy Commission: *Provided*, That of such amounts \$100,000 may be expended for objects of a confidential nature and in any such case the certificate of the Commission as to the amount of the expenditure and that it is deemed inadvisable to specify the nature thereof shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the sum therein expressed to have been expended: *Provided further*, That from this appropriation transfers of sums may be made to other agencies of the Government for the performance of the work for which this appropriation is made, and in such cases the sums so transferred may be merged with the appropriation to which transferred: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used in connection with the payment of a fixed fee to any contractor or firm of contractors engaged under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract or contracts at any installation of the Commission, where that fee for community management is at a rate in excess of \$90,000 per annum, or for the operation of a transportation system where that fee is at a rate in excess of \$45,000 per annum.

Any appropriation available under this Act or heretofore made to the Atomic Energy Commission may initially be used subject to limitations in this Act during the fiscal year 1956 to finance the pro-

curement of materials, services, or other costs which are a part of work or activities for which funds have been provided in any other appropriation available to the Commission: *Provided*, That appropriate transfers or adjustments between such appropriations shall subsequently be made for such costs on the basis of actual application determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Transfer of funds.

Not to exceed 5 per centum of any appropriation under this head may be transferred to any other such appropriation, but no such appropriation shall be increased by more than 5 per centum by any such transfers, and any such transfers shall be reported promptly to the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate.

No part of any appropriation herein made to the Atomic Energy Commission shall be used to confer a fellowship on any person who advocates or who is a member of an organization or party that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence or with respect to whom the Commission finds, upon investigation and report by the Civil Service Commission on the character, associations, and loyalty of whom, that reasonable grounds exist for belief that such person is disloyal to the Government of the United States: *Provided*, That any person who advocates or who is a member of an organization or party that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment or a fellowship the salary, wages, stipend, grant, or expenses for which are paid from any appropriation contained herein shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penal clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Fellowships. Disloyalty restrictions.

#### TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended (16 U. S. C., ch. 12A), including hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft, and purchase (not to exceed two hundred and eleven, for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$27,053,000, to remain available until expended, and to be available for the payment of obligations chargeable against prior appropriations: *Provided*, That no funds appropriated for the Tennessee Valley Authority by this paragraph shall be used for the maintenance or operation of any aircraft for passenger service that is not specifically confined to the active operation of the official business of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and not to exceed \$673,000 (exclusive of travel for work in connection with the construction of transmission lines, dams, and steam plants) of funds available to the Tennessee Valley Authority shall be used for expenses of travel: *Provided further*, That no part of funds available for expenditure by this agency shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire a building for use as an administrative office of the Tennessee Valley Authority unless and until the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, following a study of the advisability of the proposed acquisition, shall advise the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Tennessee Valley Authority that the acquisition has his approval: *Provided further*, That there shall be available for resource development activities pursuant to the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended, not to exceed \$1,000,000, of which \$400,000 shall be derived from this appropriation and \$600,000 shall be derived from proceeds of operations of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

48 Stat. 58.  
16 USC 831.

Restrictions.

Resource development.

## TITLE II

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SOUTHEASTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

58 Stat. 890.

For necessary expenses of operation and maintenance of power transmission facilities and of marketing electric power and energy pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U. S. C. 825s), as applied to the southeastern power area, \$1,160,000.

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

58 Stat. 890.

For necessary expenses of operation and maintenance of power transmission facilities and of marketing electric power and energy pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U. S. C. 825s), as applied to the southwestern power area, including purchase of not to exceed four passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, \$1,250,000.

## CONTINUING FUND, SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

Not to exceed \$6,000,000 shall be available during the current fiscal year from the continuing fund for all costs in connection with the purchase of electric power and energy, and rentals for the use of transmission facilities.

## BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

## CONSTRUCTION

For construction and acquisition of transmission lines, substations, and appurtenant facilities, as authorized by law, to remain available until expended, \$14,600,000.

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

For necessary expenses of operation and maintenance of the Bonneville transmission system and of marketing electric power and energy, \$6,600,000.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Appropriations of the Bonneville Power Administration shall be available to carry out all the duties imposed upon the Administrator pursuant to law, including purchase of not to exceed ten passenger motor vehicles for replacement only. Appropriations made herein to the Bonneville Power Administration shall be available in one fund, except that the appropriation herein made for operation and maintenance shall be available only for the service of the current fiscal year.

Other than as may be necessary to meet local emergencies, not to exceed 12 per centum of the appropriation for construction herein made for the Bonneville Power Administration shall be available for construction work by force account or on a hired-labor basis.

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

43 USC 371.

For carrying out the functions of the Bureau of Reclamation as provided in the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32

Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) and other Acts applicable to that Bureau, as follows:

#### GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

For engineering and economic investigations of proposed Federal reclamation projects and studies of water conservation and development plans in each of the seventeen reclamation States and the Territory of Hawaii in their entirety; engineering and economic investigations, as a basis for legislation, and for reports thereon to Congress, relating to projects for the development and utilization of the water resources of Alaska; formulating plans and preparing designs and specifications for authorized Federal reclamation projects or parts thereof prior to initial allocation of appropriations for construction of such projects or parts; and activities preliminary to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and betterment, financial adjustment, or extension of existing projects; to remain available until expended, \$5,104,000: *Provided*, That no part of this amount shall be used on investigation of the Blue South Platte project, of which \$4,421,812 shall be derived from the reclamation fund and \$532,188 shall be derived from the Colorado River development fund: *Provided further*, That none of this appropriation shall be used for more than one-half of the cost of an investigation requested by a State, municipality, or other interest: *Provided further*, That, except as herein expressly provided with respect to investigations in Alaska, no part of this appropriation shall be expended in the conduct of activities which are not authorized by law.

Reports.

Blue South Platte project.

#### CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION

For construction and rehabilitation of authorized reclamation projects or parts thereof (including power transmission facilities) and for other related activities, as authorized by law, to remain available until expended, \$146,041,000, of which \$69,287,000 shall be derived from the reclamation fund: *Provided*, That sums made available for increasing spillway capacity at Alamogordo Dam, Carlsbad project, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing the existing flood hazard, be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for other than the completion of field engineering, survey work, and preliminary designs of the Southwest Contra Costa County Water District System and no repayment contract shall be executed or construction begun until plans have been submitted to and approved by the Congress through its legislative and appropriation procedures, after submission of a report to the Congress by the Secretary of the Interior (1) on the cost and feasibility of said project, including the necessary distribution system and (2) on the rates required to be charged to the ultimate consumers: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used to initiate the construction of transmission facilities within those areas covered by power wheeling service contracts which include provision for service to Federal establishments and preferred customers, except those transmission facilities for which construction funds have been heretofore appropriated, those facilities which are necessary to carry out the terms of such contracts or those facilities for which the Secretary of the Interior finds the wheeling agency is unable or unwilling to provide for the integration of Federal projects or for service to a Federal establishment or preferred customer: *Provided further*, That no part of this or prior appropriations shall be used for construction, nor for further commitments to construction of Moorhead Dam and Reservoir, Montana, or any feature thereof until a definite plan

Alamogordo Dam.

Restrictions.

report thereon has been completed, reviewed, by the States of Wyoming and Montana, and approved by the Congress.

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

58 Stat. 157.

For operation and maintenance of reclamation projects or parts thereof and of other facilities, as authorized by law; and for a soil and moisture conservation program on lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation, pursuant to law, \$24,750,000, of which \$20,223,638 shall be derived from the reclamation fund and \$1,697,000 shall be derived from the Colorado River dam fund, including (notwithstanding the provisions of the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1944, relating thereto) operation and maintenance of Palo Verde Weir: *Provided*, That funds advanced for operation and maintenance of reclamation projects or parts thereof shall be deposited to the credit of this appropriation and may be expended for the same objects and in the same manner as sums appropriated herein may be expended, and the unexpended balances of such advances shall be credited to the appropriation for the next succeeding fiscal year.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

59 Stat. 54.

For necessary expenses of general administration and related functions in the offices of the Commissioner of Reclamation and in the regional offices of the Bureau of Reclamation, \$3,600,000, to be derived from the reclamation fund and to be nonreimbursable pursuant to the Act of April 19, 1945 (43 U. S. C. 377): *Provided*, That no part of any other appropriation in this Act shall be available for activities or functions budgeted for the current fiscal year as general administrative expenses.

#### EMERGENCY FUND

62 Stat. 1052.

For an additional amount for the emergency fund as authorized by the Act of June 26, 1948 (43 U. S. C. 502), \$500,000, to be derived from the reclamation fund, special fund, and to remain available until expended for the purposes specified in said Act.

#### SPECIAL FUNDS

32 Stat. 388.  
45 Stat. 1057.  
54 Stat. 774.

Sums herein referred to as being derived from the reclamation fund, the Colorado River dam fund, or the Colorado River development fund, are appropriated from the special funds in the Treasury created by the Act of June 17, 1902 (43 U. S. C. 391), the Act of December 21, 1928 (43 U. S. C. 617a), and the Act of July 19, 1940 (43 U. S. C. 618a), respectively. Such sums shall be transferred, upon request of the Secretary, to be merged with and expended under the heads herein specified; and the unexpended balances of sums transferred for expenditure under the heads "Operation and Maintenance" and "General Administrative Expenses" shall revert and be credited to the special fund from which derived.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

5 USC 2131 note.

Appropriations to the Bureau of Reclamation shall be available for purchase of not to exceed two hundred forty-five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only; payment of claims for damage to or loss of property, personal injury, or death arising out of activities of the Bureau of Reclamation; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114); payment, except as otherwise provided for, of compensation and expense of persons

on the rolls of the Bureau of Reclamation appointed as authorized by law to represent the United States in the negotiation and administration of interstate compacts without reimbursement or return under the reclamation laws; rewards for information or evidence concerning violations of law involving property under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation; performance of the functions specified under the head "Operation and Maintenance Administration", Bureau of Reclamation, in the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1945; preparation and dissemination of useful information including recordings, photographs, and photographic prints; and studies of recreational uses of reservoir areas, and investigation and recovery of archeological and paleontological remains in such areas in the same manner as provided for in the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U. S. C. 461-467): *Provided*, That no part of any appropriation made herein shall be available pursuant to the Act of April 19, 1945 (43 U. S. C. 377), for expenses other than those incurred on behalf of specific reclamation projects except "General Administrative Expenses" and amounts provided for reconnaissance, basin surveys, and general engineering and research under the head "General Investigations".

Allotments to the Missouri River Basin project from the appropriation under the head "Construction and Rehabilitation" shall be available additionally for said project for those functions of the Bureau of Reclamation provided for under the head "General Investigations" (but this authorization shall not preclude use of the appropriation under said head within that area), and for the continuation of investigations by agencies of the Department on a general plan for the development of the Missouri River Basin. Such allotments may be expended through or in cooperation with State and other Federal agencies, and advances to such agencies are hereby authorized.

Sums appropriated herein which are expended in the performance of reimbursable functions of the Bureau of Reclamation shall be returnable to the extent and in the manner provided by law.

No part of any appropriation for the Bureau of Reclamation, contained in this Act or in any prior Act, which represents amounts earned under the terms of a contract but remaining unpaid, shall be obligated for any other purpose, regardless of when such amounts are to be paid: *Provided*, That the incurring of any obligation prohibited by this paragraph shall be deemed a violation of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U. S. C. 665).

No funds appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation for operation and maintenance, except those derived from advances by water users, shall be used for the particular benefit of lands (a) within the boundaries of an irrigation district, (b) of any member of a water users' organization, or (c) of any individual, when such district, organization, or individual is in arrears for more than twelve months in the payment of charges due under a contract entered into with the United States pursuant to laws administered by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Not to exceed \$225,000 may be expended from the appropriation "Construction and Rehabilitation" for work by force account on any one project or Missouri Basin unit and then only when such work is unsuitable for contract or no acceptable bid has been received and, other than otherwise provided in this paragraph or as may be necessary to meet local emergencies, not to exceed 12 per centum of the construction allotment for any project from the appropriation "Construction and Rehabilitation" contained in this Act shall be available for construction work by force account.

58 Stat. 486.

49 Stat. 666.

59 Stat. 54.

Missouri River Basin project.

Restrictions.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

Employment of  
aliens.

SEC. 201. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, aliens may be employed during the current fiscal year in the field service of the Department for periods of not more than thirty days in cases of emergency caused by fire, flood, storm, act of God, or sabotage.

Attendance at  
meetings.

SEC. 202. Appropriations in this title available for travel expenses shall be available for expenses of attendance of officers and employees at meetings or conventions of members of societies or associations concerned with the work of the bureau or office for which the appropriation concerned is made.

Emergency re-  
construction.

SEC. 203. Appropriations in this title shall be available for expenditure or transfer (within each bureau or office), with the approval of the Secretary, for the emergency reconstruction, replacement or repair of buildings, utilities, or other facilities or equipment damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, storm, or other unavoidable causes: *Provided*, That no funds shall be made available under this authority until funds specifically made available to the Department of the Interior for emergencies shall have been exhausted.

Fire prevention.

SEC. 204. The Secretary may authorize the expenditure or transfer (within each bureau or office) of any appropriation in this title, in addition to the amounts included in the budget programs of the several agencies, for the suppression or emergency prevention of forest or range fires on or threatening lands under jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

Operation of  
warehouses, etc.

SEC. 205. Appropriations in this title shall be available for operation of warehouses, garages, shops, and similar facilities, wherever consolidation of activities will contribute to efficiency or economy, and said appropriations shall be reimbursed for services rendered to any other activity in the same manner as authorized by the Act of June 30, 1932 (31 U. S. C. 686): *Provided*, That reimbursements for cost of supplies, materials and equipment, and for services rendered may be credited to the appropriation current at the time such reimbursements are received.

47 Stat. 417.

Budget and Fi-  
nance Division.  
Director.  
*Ante*, p. 179.

SEC. 206. The Secretary hereafter is authorized without regard to section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to place the position of Director, Division of Budget and Finance, in grade GS-17 established by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, so long as the position is held by the present incumbent.

TITLE III—CIVIL FUNCTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE  
ARMY

## CEMETERIAL EXPENSES

For necessary cemeterial expenses as authorized by law, including maintenance, operation and improvement of national cemeteries, and purchase of headstones and markers for unmarked graves; purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only; maintenance of that portion of Congressional Cemetery to which the United States has title, Confederate burial places under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, The Surrender Tree Site in Cuba, and graves used by the Army in commercial cemeteries; \$6,000,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be used to repair more than a single approach road to any national cemetery: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall not be obligated for construction of a superintendent's lodge or family quarters at a cost per unit in excess of \$14,000, but such limitation may be increased by such additional amounts as may be required to provide office space, public comfort rooms, or space for the storage of Government property within the same structure.

## RIVERS AND HARBORS AND FLOOD CONTROL

The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, beach erosion, and related purposes:

## GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects, and when authorized by law, preliminary examinations, surveys and studies (including cooperative beach erosion studies as authorized in Public Law Numbered 520, Seventy-first Congress, approved July 3, 1930, as amended and supplemented), of projects prior to authorization for construction, to remain available until expended, \$5,940,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the study authorized by P. L. 71, Eighty-fourth Congress: *Provided*, That of said total sum \$180,000 shall be used for a comprehensive investigation of the entire Alabama-Coosa River and a report of said survey.

46 Stat. 918.  
33 USC 426, 465,  
569a, 607a; 48  
USC 1399.  
Hurricane sur-  
vey.  
*Ante*, p. 132.

## CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

For the prosecution of river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by law; detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of projects (including those for development with participation or under consideration for participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such studies shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction); and not to exceed \$900,000 for transfer to the Secretary of the Interior for conservation of fish and wildlife as authorized by law; to remain available until expended, \$401,173,000, of which \$25,000 shall be available for the project at Playa del Rey Inlet and Harbor, Venice, California, authorized by the River and Harbor Act of 1954, and \$68,000 shall be available for The Upper Iowa River Project: *Provided*, That funds appropriated herein may at the discretion and under the direction of the Chief of Engineers be used in payment to the accounts of the Confederated Tribes of the Yakima Reservation; the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation; or other recognized Indian tribes, and those individual Indians not enrolled in any recognized tribe, but who through domicile at or in the immediate vicinity of the reservoir and through custom and usage are found to have an equitable interest in the fishery, all of whose fishing rights and interests will be impaired by the Government incident to the construction, operation, or maintenance of The Dalles Dam, Columbia River, Washington and Oregon, and must be subordinated thereto by agreement or litigation: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$210,000 of funds appropriated herein may be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior for relocation of those permanent resident Indian families in The Dalles project who were domiciled within the project area on May 17, 1950, and to acquire such lands as may be necessary therefor on the condition that the Secretary of the Interior transfer to the control of the Secretary of the Army for use in connection with The Dalles Dam project, Oregon, an irregular shaped parcel of land containing in the aggregate approximately five and five-tenths acres located in lot 1 of section 17 and in lots 1 and 2 of section 20, township 2 north, range 15 east, Willamette meridian, Oregon, being a portion of the land previously transferred to the

68 Stat. 1242.  
The Dalles Dam,  
Columbia River.  
Payment to In-  
dians.

Relocation  
funds.

Small projects.

Lewis and Clark  
Irrigation District.

Buford-Trenton  
Irrigation District.

Port of Tacoma.  
Reimbursement.

Secretary of the Interior by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to the Act approved February 9, 1929 (45 Stat. 1158). Title to the lands acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the above stated purpose shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the individual Indian for whose benefit it is acquired; any such trust may be terminated by the Secretary of the Interior by conveyance of a fee simple title to the Indian or his heirs or devisees, without application therefor, when in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior the Indian or his heirs or devisees are capable of managing their own affairs. In carrying out such relocations, the Secretary of the Interior may enter into a contract or contracts with any State or political subdivision thereof: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$4,500,000 of the funds provided herein shall be available for the construction of small authorized projects selected by the Secretary of the Army the cost of which is not in excess of \$150,000 and any such project shall be completed within the funds herein appropriated: *Provided further*, That in lieu of protecting the Lewis and Clark Irrigation District, not to exceed \$2,050,000 of the funds herein or hereafter appropriated for the Garrison Dam and Reservoir project on the Missouri River shall be available for the purchase of lands and improvements in the Lewis and Clark Irrigation District, and not to exceed \$1,196,000 shall be available for the relocation of highways and utilities therein: *Provided, however*, That the substitution of land acquisition for protection shall not be made unless two-thirds of the landowners, on or before December 31, 1955, have offered to sell their property on agreeable terms, and which are within the proportion of the total amount provided for such land acquisition: *Provided further*, That in lieu of protecting the East Bottom of the Buford-Trenton Irrigation District, not to exceed \$1,750,000 of the funds herein or hereafter appropriated for the Garrison Dam and Reservoir project on the Missouri River shall be available for the purchase of lands and improvements in and contiguous to the Buford-Trenton Irrigation District, and not to exceed \$2,000,000 shall be available to the Corps of Engineers for protection of the intake structure of the pumping plant in Zero Bottom and for the construction of bank protection to prevent erosion in the Missouri River adjacent to the Buford-Trenton irrigation project: *Provided, however*, That the substitution of land acquisition for protection shall not be made unless two-thirds of the landowners on or before December 31, 1955, have offered to sell their property on agreeable terms, and which are within the proportion of the total amount provided for such land acquisition: *Provided further*, That in the event land acquisition is undertaken in lieu of protection of the East Bottom, that in recognition of the increased per acre annual operation and maintenance cost of the remaining lands in the Buford-Trenton Irrigation District the construction charge obligation as set forth in a proposed contract between the United States and Buford-Trenton Irrigation District, approved as to form February 23, 1955, assignable to such remaining lands shall be nonreimbursable, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to transfer operation and maintenance responsibility for project works constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation for the benefit of the Buford-Trenton Irrigation District to such district: *Provided further*, That funds herein appropriated shall be available to the Secretary of the Army to reimburse the port of Tacoma for such work as they may have done within the limits of the Federal portion of the Tacoma Harbor project, over and above the work required as a part of the local cooperation for the project, insofar as the same shall be approved by the Chief of Engineers and found to have been done in accordance with the authorized modification

adopted in the 1954 River and Harbor Act: *Provided further*, That such payment shall not exceed the sum of \$373,216: *Provided further*, That the Corps of Engineers may accept not to exceed \$3,000,000 from local interests for prosecution of construction of the authorized project at Brays Bayou, Harris County, Texas, and not to exceed \$190,000 for construction of the authorized project at Green Bay Harbor, Wisconsin: *Provided further*, That funds herein appropriated shall be available for expenditure, in addition to funds heretofore made available for the Oahe, Gavins Point, and Fort Randall Dams and Reservoir projects on the Missouri River, shall be available to cooperate with the State of South Dakota in restoring a reasonable water level to a portion of McCook Lake, Union County, South Dakota, which water level has been impaired and surrounding residential properties damaged by the reduced flow of the Missouri River due to the construction of the Oahe, Fort Randall, and Gavins Point Dam projects: *Provided further*, That the cost to the United States shall not exceed \$150,000: *Provided further*, That the State or local agencies shall contribute an equal amount to the cost of the restoration works which restoration shall be accomplished by agreement between the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission of the State of South Dakota and the Secretary of the Army acting through the Corps of Engineers.

68 Stat. 1253.

Brays Bayou,  
Tex.Green Bay Har-  
bor, Wis.McCook Lake,  
S. Dak.

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, GENERAL

For expenses necessary for the preservation, operation, maintenance, and care of existing river and harbor, flood control, and related works, including such sums as may be necessary for the maintenance of harbor channels provided by a State, municipality, or other public agency, outside of harbor lines, and serving essential needs of general commerce and navigation; surveys and charting of northern and northwestern lakes and connecting waters; clearing and straightening channels; removal of obstructions to navigation; rescue work, and repair, restoration, or maintenance of flood control projects threatened or destroyed by flood; and not to exceed \$1,000,000 for transfer to the Secretary of the Interior for conservation of fish and wildlife as authorized by law; to remain available until expended, \$83,030,000.

## GENERAL EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for general administration and related functions in the Office of the Chief of Engineers and offices of the Division Engineers; activities of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, the Beach Erosion Board, and the California Debris Commission; administration of laws pertaining to preservation of navigable waters; commercial statistics; and miscellaneous investigations; \$9,300,000.

## FLOOD CONTROL, MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

For expenses necessary for prosecuting work of flood control, and rescue work, repair, restoration or maintenance of flood control projects threatened or destroyed by flood, as authorized by law (33 U. S. C. 702a, 702g-1), to remain available until expended, \$51,962,500.

45 Stat. 534; 49  
Stat. 1511.

## NIAGARA REMEDIAL WORKS

For financing a part of the United States share of the cost of remedial works in the Niagara River, to be undertaken in accordance with article II of the treaty between the United States of America and Canada, ratified by the United States Senate on August 9, 1950, to remain available until expended, \$2,400,000.

1 UST 696.

UNITED STATES SECTION, SAINT LAWRENCE RIVER JOINT BOARD OF  
ENGINEERS

3 CFR, 1953  
Supp., p. 114.  
60 Stat. 810.

For necessary expenses of the United States section of the Saint Lawrence River Joint Board of Engineers, established by Executive Order 10500, dated November 4, 1953, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed \$100 per day for individuals; \$150,000: *Provided*, That no part of these funds shall be obligated until agreement has been entered into, by the United States Government and the United States entity authorized to construct the power works in the International Rapids section of the Saint Lawrence River, providing for the reimbursement of the expenditures of the United States section of this Board by the construction entity.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

5 USC 2131 note.

Appropriations in this title shall be available for expenses of attendance at meetings of organizations concerned with the work for which the appropriation is made, for uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by the Act of September 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 1114), as amended, and for printing, either during a recess or session of Congress, of survey reports authorized by law, and such survey reports as may be printed during a recess of Congress shall be printed, with illustrations, as documents of the next succeeding session of Congress; and during the current fiscal year the revolving fund, Corps of Engineers, shall be available for purchase (not to exceed two hundred and fifty for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Chief of Programs Branch.  
Ante, p. 179.

The Chief of Engineers hereafter is authorized without regard to section 505 of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to place the position of Chief of the Programs Branch, Office of the Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works, in the grade GS-17 established by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, so long as the position is held by the present incumbent.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Strikes or overthrow of Government.

SEC. 401. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act, or of the funds made available for expenditure by any corporation included in this Act, shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this section engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States, is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States or that such person does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, or who advocates, or

Affidavit.

Penalty.

who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation or fund contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

SEC. 402. This Act may be cited as the "Public Works Appropriation Act, 1956".

Approved July 15, 1955.

Short title.

Public Law 164

CHAPTER 371

AN ACT

July 15, 1955  
[S. 1318]

To modify the project for the Denison Reservoir on Red River in Texas and Oklahoma in order to provide for a highway bridge across Lake Texoma.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the project for the Denison Reservoir on Red River in Texas and Oklahoma, as authorized in the Act of June 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 1215), is hereby modified in order to provide for a highway bridge across Lake Texoma, at or near the Willis site, to replace the crossing of Texas State Highway Numbered 91 and Oklahoma State Highway Numbered 99. Such bridge shall be constructed under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, in accordance with such plans as may be recommended by the Chief of Engineers.

Bridge,  
Lake Texoma,  
Tex.-Okla.

SEC. 2. The construction of such bridge shall be subject to the condition that the States of Texas and Oklahoma shall each contribute the sum of \$606,000 toward the cost of such bridge.

Approved July 15, 1955.

Public Law 165

CHAPTER 372

AN ACT

July 15, 1955  
[S. 609]

To provide rewards for information concerning the illegal introduction into the United States, or the illegal manufacture or acquisition in the United States, of special nuclear material and atomic weapons.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That this Act may be cited as the "Atomic Weapons Rewards Act of 1955".

Atomic Weapons  
Rewards Act of  
1955.

SEC. 2. Any person who furnishes original information to the United States—

(a) leading to the finding or other acquisition by the United States of any special nuclear material or atomic weapon which has been introduced into the United States, or which has been manufactured or acquired therein contrary to the laws of the United States, or

(b) with respect to an attempted introduction into the United States or an attempted manufacture or acquisition therein of any special nuclear material or atomic weapon, contrary to the laws of the United States,

shall be rewarded by the payment of an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

SEC. 3. An Awards Board consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury (who shall be the Chairman), the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney

Awards Board,  
Establishment.